

the day, have about two minute science or math breaks where the people on television teach the audience to do something interesting in between commercial interruptions. You could even have unusual characters on more shows, an example in Beakman's World.

In closing I would just like to say that the opportunity to increase the educational programs audience is there, you just need to make the shows more interesting.

Sincerely,

*Jimmy Hankins*

Ari Shaw  
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter concerning my views on the future and the necessity of educational television. It is a large source of education for most people, whether it be "Sesame Street" or "Barney." Educational television is crucial for people of all ages. It enriches the mind with knowledge. Without it, we will lose what have become extraordinary pastimes.

In my personal life, it is very difficult to find the airing times of many educational programs and what stations they are airing on. It seems almost inaccessible to the public. We cannot learn from these programs if we are not able to watch them. I would greatly appreciate wider publicity of educational programs from the networks, TV guides, etc.

Most importantly, I feel we need to have more educational programs. On television today, we have few "worth while" shows. The public spends many hours watching television. The networks feed them this poor quality viewing and the people like it. If we start giving them educational programs, then they will be forced to watch that. Because people want to watch television, they will learn to enjoy educational television.

I hope you can get an idea of my views on this issue. Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration. I hope I can help make a difference.

Sincerely,

Ari Shaw

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Hello,

I teach language arts at Chaparral Middle School in Moorpark, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. Having seen your letter in the *New York Times*, I decided to offer extra credit to any student who would respond to your letter.

I am forwarding all letters to you. I am certain you will be able to glean some valuable information from their ideas

The students would appreciate hearing back from you. It would validate their assignment and encourage them to know that their voices were heard by their government.

Sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
1919 M. St., NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commission;

As you know, we are having trouble with ~~the~~. I believe that there are enough educational programs but too much programs without any information in them. I don't think we should make more, I think we should make some of the shows now more educational like the Power Rangers or something like that. I do think we should cut down on talk shows because they just talk about people with problems. Those shows have very little education and they could be expendable. Thankyou for your time in reading this letter. This is just one opinion out of many others. Thankyou!

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Sincerely,

Patrick J. Leyden

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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing this letter in regard to your letter that appeared in the New York Times about the survey taken on how much TV kids watch each week and that not enough educational programs are broadcasted on TV. I do not believe that there are a lot of educational programs on TV that I know of. I watch TV all the time and only a few times have I seen educational shows on TV, and I only find that out by looking through the TV guide. I know of a few channels that only show educational programs, which are PBS, The Learning Channel, and the Discovery Channel, and some shows, such as National Geographic are on TBS and CBS. I also know that TBS and TNT did some documentaries on the Civil War, because I read about it in the TV guide. Other than that I have no idea if any educational shows are on or when they're on. I do not usually watch educational shows, I usually watch sports and sit-coms, just like most others, but some people watch educational shows because they like to watch them. Others might want to watch educational shows if they knew about them also, but they don't because there are not enough on and they are not advertised on TV when most people are watching TV.

I think if people want to watch the shows they want to watch they should be able to. I think it would hurt if some more educational shows were on so people could learn a thing or two by watching TV. I also believe these educational programs should be advertised on TV when most people are watching TV, i.e. they should be advertised during a football game or Ellen and Roseanne. This way more people would know about the shows and tune in to watch them.

I am glad I could give you my input on this situation and hopefully you can use.

Sincerely,  
Gary Wallace  
(8th grade, Chaparral Middle School)

P.S. Here is my home address in case you might need to write me back anything or you have any questions.

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Dear Federal Communications Commission,  
I have some opinions I would like to share with you about today's television. I think we need fun-filled educational shows for children who watch television all the time. The educational shows we do have, no one hardly ever hears about them. Advertisement is a big thing to attract young viewers to watch it. You could have small commercials between popular shows and write all about them in the T.V. guide. Part of the screen could show the credits while the other half is full of advertising. Have something on your advertisement that will hook the young viewers interest. Some of the shows such as samurai warriors and Power Rangers is violent and its teaching kids to be just like the characters there watching. The point is we need more educational and less violence. Advertisement is the answer!

a concerned student,

Heather Bell

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Dear Sir or Madame:

My name is Jason, I am 13 and I live in Moorpark, CA. I am writing to you because I am concerned about what is on TV. Most of the kids I know that are under age five watch TV all day long instead of playing outside. None of the children's programs I know of are educational. Most kids watch stupid shows like "The Power Rangers" or "Batman & Robin". I only watch TV at night and my favorite show is "60 minutes". I think there should be a cartoon version of the news, that way they could trick kids into learning about what's happening in the world around them. I think that would work well.

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Jason.

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FCC,

I think the idea of educational and informational television programming is good. Since kids watch T.V. anyway, high interest in educational T.V. might rise for those students that don't pay attention in school.

As a ~~student~~ many times I have turned on the T.V. in the afternoon only to find programs which were not educational but they were inappropriate for kids. If educational and informational T.V. was introduced to kids at a very young age, they would be used to this kind of programming as they became older. Sesame Street is a good example of educational programming for pre-schoolers. The same kind of high interest program could be provided for all ages of kids identifying educational is important so that people are aware of them. Also advanced notice of their airing is essential!

Sincerely,  
Heidi Bruder

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Dear FCC,

I am writing from my middle school, Chaparral, in Moorpark California regarding your efforts to obtain educational programming on T.V., since kids are just going to watch 22 hours a week anyway. Personally, I haven't noticed any educational programming on except at 7:00am and on the Learning Channel, the Discovery Channel, and PBS, I think this is because networks have realized this is not what kids like & want to watch. I think you should realize this too. When kids come home from school, after a full day of learning, they don't want to turn on the T.V. and learn more. I for one, know that I want to be entertained and the fact remains that most educational programming is <sup>still</sup> pretty boring. So if I were you, I wouldn't invest too much money in making programs that no one will watch. Take it from a 13-year old (which is probably one of the biggest age group of kids that are "glued to the T.V.") unless you want to totally turn kids away from T.V. don't invest too much time, thought, or money on this project, because I can guarantee it won't succeed!

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Mancinelli

P.S. - But if you still want to go through with this make an effort to base it around things that interest kids such as popular music, sports, fashion, and events in the world that will interest kids, Then you will stand a chance! (Hey I'm trying to be a bit more positive!)

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

My name is Briana Rogers. I am an eighth grader at Chaparral Middle School, located in Moorpark, California. Personally I am appalled to see what has become of the children programming on television. It is not me that is glued to the television set, but it is my sister. The television shows that she watches in the morning, after school, and at night all contain violence that is highly inappropriate. I think that the violence on television influenced her a great deal. She actually enjoys collecting fake weapons. Wait there is more. She also would rather spend the day watching television than inviting a friend to come over or getting some exercise. I have one suggestion for you. All, but one educational show that I have seen, has been on a special educational channel. One of my sisters most favorite television shows is Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego. I think that it is for two reasons. One, because it is fun. And two, because it is on a station with all of her other favorite television shows. I hope you have found my response helpful.

Sincerely,  
Briana Rogers

Brian Becker  
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Moorpark, CA 93001

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Dear Sirs:

I understand you are asking for opinions about educational TV. Mine is that it's unavailable. as an 8th grader I don't return home until late and most of these shows are already over. I also think they are poorly advertised. In the TV. guide, shows are listed with phrases that leave the plot up to the watcher's imagination. It's very inconvenient.

Educational T.V., however, is not all bad. What I do get to watch I enjoy. Shows about animals, biographies, even cooking channels are enjoyable. The only problem is that I feel we should learn without all narration. A biography could be acted out, for example. Perhaps the biggest problem is that educational TV. is on channels not often watched. I think if these shows were on Fox or KADQ, people would watch them more.

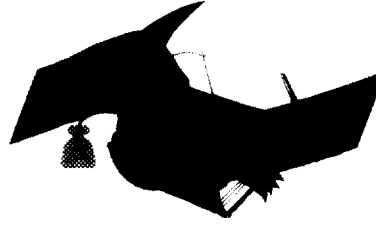
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To whom it may concern

I am a student at Chapparral middle school and we were given a paper on educational programs the other day in school and were told to write in about how we felt if we wanted. Well I wanted to. I feel that the educational programs are NOT advertised for enough... I feel that you will draw a larger crowd if you try to make them more interesting... and there advertisements more interesting. 'Cause I know that if I sit down in front of the TV to be entertained and an educational program comes on that looks boring I will watch it for maybe 10 sec. You have to make them more appealing to the public... and have good eye catching advertisements for them that is the important thing 'cause I am sure there are fun informational programs out there but people (myself included) never know when they are on. Thanks for your time and good luck on finding the answers you seek. I hope I have been of some help.

  
Jacque Crittenton



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Dear Federal Communications  
Commission,

I think it would be a great choice to put more educational shows on television. A lot of parents limit the amount of television their kids can watch per week due to violence or rude comments. As a thirteen year old I notice that even on Nickelodeon, which is a children's network, that some shows have rude, obnoxious comments. On MTV which is centered at teens they have inappropriate dress and language. I believe that parents would be more willing for their children to watch television if what they were watching was good for their mind. So in conclusion, education television would be a good solution instead of foul or rude language. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melissa Roggenkamp  
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September 11, 1996

Dear FCC,

I think the best educational channel or program out right now is the discovery channel. I watch a lot of the nature programs, and shows on technology like Beyond 2000. Another educational program that I think is good is Bugrats. I don't watch it, but my younger sister does and I can see the lesson taught or the problem solved at the end of each show. So, I think there are a lot of really good programs out there. However, I also think there are a couple cartoons that may be entertaining, but aren't teaching the younger children good lessons. Power Rangers, is one of the shows that I don't think is something we should be showing to preschoolers. Sure, it shows good and bad, but I see kids 5 or 6 doing karate chops on each other. While they are watching Power Rangers all the fighting subconsciously enters their brain, so they think it is okay to hurt people. A way that you could announce the new programs is putting a small ad in the "funnies" in the newspaper. A lot of kids read them. Or you could get McDonalds to advertise maybe on the Happy Meals. Anywhere kids look a lot

Sincerely,

April Brasher